FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1889.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

FOR 1888,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

FIFTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Trustees herewith submit their fifty-seventh annual report, together with the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer.

In all respects the past year has been uneventful, the receipts and expenses varying little from those of previous years. The present amount of the various funds is, as follows: —

Repair fund, $563,406.09, showing a gain for the year of $32,932.38.

Permanent fund, $278,006.58, gain for the year of $6,637.83.

General fund, $60,877.98, gain for the year of $8,743.90.

The gradual accumulation of this latter fund insures the necessary means for the renewal of fences, of new pumping engines, water pipes, of enlarged reservoir for the water works, of green-houses, and such other uses not otherwise provided for, as may from time to time occur in the future.

The removal of iron fences, hedges, and unnecessary granite curbings continues as usual, but the record of the Superintendent shows no removal of the old-fashioned, unhealthy, single-chamber tombs during the year, notwithstanding the liberal offer of the Trustees to remove them, regrade the lots, and make necessary re-interments without expense to the owners. Where it should happen that two interments are made in such tombs with but a brief interval between, it is obvious how dangerous to health, and how disagreeable to all who enter them, such tombs can become. The attention of the proprietors is again called to this offer, which may be found on page 15 of this report.

The past season has been characterized by an unusual amount of rain. The ground has been filled with water; and settlings of old graves have been frequent, often carrying with them or disturbing the stones placed at their heads. Renewed experience shows that the best form of headstone is a single block of granite, or some durable stone, set below the frost, with the top and sides above ground, polished to receive the necessary inscriptions. All other structures seem sooner or later to yield to the destructive influences of our severe climate.

During the winter of 1886–7 a large sewer to drain the Belmont district was built by the city of Cambridge through Mount Auburn Street; and when completed, an assessment was levied upon the cemetery in the usual form, as an abutter upon the street. It did not seem to your Trustees that this assessment was legal, and they have felt it their duty to the proprietors, under the advice of counsel, to have the question judicially decided. Steps have been taken, therefore, to bring the matter in dispute before the Supreme Court of the State, and a hearing will probably be had during the present winter for its decision.

The chapel has been refitted at considerable expense during the past year for the better accommodation of proprietors, who may wish its use for funeral services. A new furnace has been put in of greater heating power; all the old furniture removed, and its place supplied by a new pulpit, table, chairs, carpeting and rugs, better adapted to modern uses and needs than that provided many years ago, when tastes were more primitive and simple.

Our water supply has proved ample for all demands, without drawing upon the lakes and surface supplies.

Besides other work of necessary renewals and repairs, the fence on our rear line, bordering on the Coolidge land, and the Catholic cemetery, has been substantially rebuilt.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,

President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn:

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of	new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	40
"	old lots improved by being graded and sodded	37
"	old lots bounded with granite posts	3
"	lots enclosed with granite	0
"	lots enclosed with iron fence	0
"	lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	56
"	tombs removed	0
"	headstones erected	399
"	monuments erected	46
"	iron fences removed	44
"	hedges removed	1
"	granite curbings removed	4
"	linear feet gutters paved	994

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last Report			26 525
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888		510	
" removals from other cemeteries		39	
Total number of interments for the year			549
" " " in cemetery			27,074
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb		33	
" " " " interments in public lots		43	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To public lots	6	
To private lots	46	
Total removals within the cemetery		52
" " from the cemetery		28
Total number of removals		80

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			$13,390 50
He has received from sundry parties, —			
For sale of lots	$12,469.84		
" deposits in receiving tomb	920.00		
		$13,389.84	
For deeds, transfers, etc.		162.00	
" labor and material on lots		53,526.71	
Interest on loan		1,871.25	
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for income on Permanent Fund		8,000.00	
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for one quarter part of expenditures, as follows: —			
Grading Birch to Eagle and Cherry Avenues	$101.25		
" Glen Avenue (Watriss lot)	69.94		
One quarter of	$171.19	42.80	
			76,092.60
			$90,383.10

FOR THE 57TH YEAR, 1888.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —			
For labor (pay roll)	$35,834.68		
" materials	10,771.58		
" repairs of buildings and fences	2,002.15		
" repairs and refurnishing chapel	1,117.63		
		$49,726.04	
For expenses, — salaries		7,499.88	
" office expenses		1,806.55	
" taxes on real estate		637.29	
" investment		8,000.00	
To amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales		2,960.46	
To amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for Permanent Fund		3,825.28	
To graves purchased	$112.00		
" new receiving tomb drawback	36.00		
		148 00	
			$74,603.50
Balance in hands of Treasurer			15,779.60
			$90,383.10

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report		$9,163.71
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	$34,800.00	
" endowments	27,335.25	
" income of investments	24,852.27	
		86,987.52
		$96,151.23
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	$19,255.14	
" notes receivable	61,000.00	
		$80,255.14
Balance in hands of Treasurer		15,896.09
		$96,151.23

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report	$530,473.71	
Additions during the year	32,932.38	
		$563,406.09
Invested as follows: —		
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	$529,700.00	
$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700 00	
20 shares Shawmut National Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		$547,510.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		15,896.09
		$563 406.09

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$15,779.60
Notes receivable		38,000.00
Bills for labor and material uncollected	$8,898.83	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	1,800.45	
		7,098.38
		$60,877.98

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		$271,368.75
Deposited in December, 1888	$3,825.28	
Interest	2,812.55	
		6,637.83
		$278,006.58

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, green-houses, and 64,176 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1889.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $15,779.60, and in the fund for repairs, $15,896.09.

T. QUINCY BROWNE,
HENRY A. RICE, } *Committee on Finance.*

BOSTON, Jan. 9, 1889.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows: —

Donation in Trust. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city in Massachusetts, or in first mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment."

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole repair fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

Reconveyance in Trust. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot

to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report, which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guarantee*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation, *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

Form for Clause in Will to bequeath Money for "Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty," of Lot.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my lot, No. on the way called in said cemetery.

Form for Clause in Will directing "Reconveyance of Lot to Corporation, in Trust."

[*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial-place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS,

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES

FOR 1889.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING.	
100 square feet.	$1.50	$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the next larger size, when that fraction exceeds 50 feet.
300 " "	3.00	2.00	
400 " "	4.00	2.50	
500 " "	5.00	3.00	
600 " "	6 00	3.50	
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to Superintendent, Cambridge.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning monuments and headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge. Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded, and the necessary reinterments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, resodding, or corner posts when required.

Orders for foundations for monuments and headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given ***at least ten days before wanted.***

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Pemberton Square.

BOSTON, Jan. 21, 1889.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 4, at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.